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REMARKS

A review of the claims indicates that:

- A) Claims 15-20, 26-32, 36-39 remain in their original form.
- B) Claims 2—13, 22—24, 33—35, 40 and 41 are previously presented.
- C) Claims 1, 14, 21, 25 and 35 are currently amended.

In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejected claims and withdrawal of the rejections.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1—8, 14—20, 25, 27—29, 31, 35, 37 and 38 were rejected under Section 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent 6,347,232, hereinafter "de Casillas." Additionally, Claims 21, 26, 30 and 36 were rejected under Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over the single de Casillas reference.

The Applicant has amended Claims 1, 14, 21, 25 and 35 to recite material found to be allowable by the Examiner, which was originally recited by Claims 10, 32 and 39. Accordingly, independent Claims 1, 14, 21, 25 and 35 are in condition for allowance.

Rejoinder of Claims

Claims 9, 11—13, 22—24, 33, 34, 40 and 41 were previously "Withdrawn". However, in view of the fact that their respective base claims are now in condition for allowance, the Applicant has changed their status indicators to "Previously Presented".

Telephone Call with Examiner

The Applicant spoke with the Examiner by telephone HHHHHHHHHHHHHH.

Conclusion

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The Applicant submits that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowability be issued. If outstanding issues remain, the Applicant requests that the Examiner call the undersigned attorney, so that the issues may be resolved. Respectfully Submitted, By: Dated: David S. Thompson Reg. No. 37,954 Attorney for Applicant LEE & HAYES PLLC Suite 500 421 W. Riverside Avenue Spokane, Washington 99201 12 13 Facsimile: (509) 323-8979 14 15

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